



**COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
301 West Second Street
City Hall Bull Pen Room 1029
Austin, TX 78701**

AGENDA

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Jason Denny (Chair) Ann Kitchen: District 5 Josephine Hinds – Jimmy Flannigan: District 6
Pete Salazar (Vice Chair) Leslie Pool: District 7 Manuel Jimenez – Sabino Renteria: District 3
Daarel Burnette – Mayor Steve Adler Adrenne Mendoza – Delia Garza: District 2
Chris Ehlinger – Alison Alter: District 10 Vacant – Greg Casar: District 4
Zach Goldstein – Kathie Tovo: District 9 Vacant – Ora Houston: District 1
Phillip Gutierrez – Ellen Troxclair: District 8

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address items not posted on the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the minutes from the Commission on Veterans Affairs special called meeting on July 18, 2018.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and possible vote regarding approval of letter of recommendation for Glenn Towery on AVAFEST.
- b) Discussion and possible vote regarding the implementation of a Municipal Veterans Court.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Presentation and discussion regarding the 86th Texas Legislative Session and Veteran Affairs from the City of Austin Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Brie Franco.
- b) Presentation and discussion regarding an overview on TexVet services and contributions to the community.

- c) Discussion and possible vote regarding partnership with Sobering center initiative.
- d) Discussion and possible vote regarding creating a town hall discussion regarding raising the awareness and help prevent veteran suicide.

5. STAFF BRIEFING

- a) Update on Veterans Resource Center.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Please call Allen Bergeron at the Veterans Program Department at 512-974-3459 or Allen.Bergeron@austintexas.gov for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.

For more information on the Veterans Commission, please contact Tina Lee at 512-974-3306 or visit <http://www.austintexas.gov/content/commission-veterans-affairs-1>